

AN ACT

relating to a study and report regarding streamlining physician  
licensing requirements for advanced practice registered nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 61.06693 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.06693. STUDY REGARDING STREAMLINING PHYSICIAN  
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

(a) The board shall collaborate with at least one institution of  
higher education, the Texas Medical Board, and the Texas Board of  
Nursing to conduct a study regarding the feasibility of developing  
a pilot program to streamline the requirements for an advanced  
practice registered nurse to become eligible under Chapter 155,  
Occupations Code, for a license to practice medicine.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2020, the board shall submit  
to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
of representatives, and each legislative standing committee with  
primary jurisdiction over matters relating to higher education or  
occupational licensing a report on the results of the study and any  
recommendations for legislative or other action.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2011 passed the Senate on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2011 passed the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 8, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor